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MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of merit-cum-means scholarship scheme for minority students that have been given during the last three years and total amount released;

(b) the figures year-wise, community-wise and State-wise;

(c) the time by when money is released;

(d) whether sufficient publicity has been given to these scholarships so that students get the benefits of the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) & (b): The scheme of merit-cum means based scholarship to students belonging to minority communities has been launched only in 2007-08. The State/UT-wise and community-wise details as on date, are at annexure.

(c) to (e): The details of the scheme are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. It has been publicised widely by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and also by State Governments/UT administrations. Fifty top institutions listed in the scheme were informed separately. The scholarship, which includes course fee and maintenance allowance, is released together to the State/UT concerned, for disbursement to the institutes and students concerned.